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RE: Serial No.: 08/873,974

Filed: June 12, 1997

Inventor: MICHAEL C. SCROGGIE ET AL

For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION
THROUGH COOPERATIVE COMMUNICATION NETWORK SITES

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
ATTORNEY DECLARATION**

**COPY OF THE REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND APPOINTMENT OF
ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY/AGENT**

DATE-STAMPED FILING RECEIPT DATED DECEMBER 2, 1998

COPY OF THE NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT DATED APRIL 12, 1999

Our check in the amount of \$ 00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 CFR 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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IN RE APPLICATION OF : :

MICHAEL C. SCROGGIE ET AL : EXAMINER: PENNY CAUDLE

SERIAL NO: 08/873,974 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2765

FILED: JUNE 12, 1997 : :

TITLE: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR DISTRIBUTING INFORMATION THROUGH COOPERATIVE COMMUNICATION NETWORK SITES

REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Abandonment dated April 12, 1999 Applicants herewith request withdrawal of said abandonment of the present application for the following reasons:

An Office Action was mailed by the Examiner on September 2, 1998, with a shortened statutory period of 3 months, to expire on December 2, 1998.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing filing of the Request for Reconsideration and Appointment of Associate Attorney/Agent on December 2, 1998. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants' Attorney is submitting a signed, certified copy of the documents indicated above.

It is believed that the above discussion and documents enclosed herewith clearly prove that the timely response to the Office Action was filed and therefore, the holding of abandonment was issued in error.

Accordingly, it is requested the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that prosecution be allowed to continue in the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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ATTORNEY DECLARATION

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Sir:

I, Richard A. Neifeld attorney of record in the above-identified application, declare the attached to be a true and accurate copy of the Request for Reconsideration and Appointment of Associate Attorney/Agent filed on December 2, 1998.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

Further to the Official Action dated September 2, 1998, Applicants request reconsideration of the present application based on the following discussion.

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application in light of the above amendment and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 are presently active in the case.

In the present Office Action, Claims 1-23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) based on the publications "Cruising for food .." ("Cruising") and "Click for coupons ..." by Peterson.

With respect to the rejection of Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), Applicants' representatives are in process of requesting details from Applicants with respect to this issue.

If there is additional material information, Applicants' representatives will submit an Information Disclosure Statement as soon as the additional information is available to them.

If Applicants' representatives determine that there is additional material information, Applicants' representatives will file a paper indicating that determination.

However, Applicants' representatives submit that the Cruising and Peterson do not teach or suggest (i) "storing the conditions of manufacturer offers, pertaining to multiple product manufacturers, in a database associated with a cooperative communication network site" as recited in independent Claims 1 and 4; (ii) "a cooperative communication network site including a database containing information pertaining to manufacturer offers to consumers" as recited in independent Claim 14; (iii) "storing data pertaining to purchase incentives ...; for at least one purchase incentive, displaying an advertising banner ... for viewing by consumers" as recited in independent Claim 20; and (iv) "storing the conditions of manufacturer product purchase incentives, pertaining to multiple manufacturers' products, in a database associated with a product incentive server site coupled to the network" as recited in independent Claim 23.

In contrast, although Cruising discloses a system in which shoppers can print retailer coupons and browse in store specials via the Internet, Cruising fails to teach or suggest the above-noted features of the claimed invention.

Similarly, although Peterson discloses a system in which shoppers can input their zip code, input demographic information into a database, view retailer coupons, and browse in store specials via the Internet, Peterson fails to teach or suggest the above-noted features of the claimed invention.

Cruising, alone or in combination with Peterson, fail to teach or suggest the above-noted features of the claimed invention.

Based on the above discussion, the independent claims and claims dependent therefrom are distinguishable over Cruising and Peterson.

Consequently, in view of the present amendment and remarks, an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY/AGENT

Dear Sir:

In the above identified application, please recognize Carlos Villamar, Registration Number 43,224, and Richard Neifeld, Registration Number 35,299, as my associate attorneys with full power to prosecute this application, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Notice of Abandonment

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This application is abandoned in view of:

- applicant's failure to timely file a proper response to the Office letter mailed on Sep 2, 1998.
- A response (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____, which is after the expiration of the period for response (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
- A proposed response was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper response to the final rejection.
(A proper response to a final rejection consists only of: a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; a Notice of Appeal; or the filing of a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.62 (FWC)).
- No response has been received.
- applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance.
- The issue fee (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____.
- The submitted issue fee of \$ _____ is insufficient. The issue fee required by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ _____.
- The issue fee has not been received.
- applicant's failure to timely file new formal drawings as required in the Notice of Allowability.
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- The proposed new formal drawings filed _____ are not acceptable.
- No proposed new formal drawings have been received.
- the express abandonment under 37 CFR 1.62(g) in favor of the FWC application filed on _____.
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- the letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon the filing of a continuing application.
- the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.
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